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SUBJECT: FOREIGN REPRESENTATION IN SAIGON

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED AN EARLIER REPORT THAT THE PRG IS ENCOURAGING FOREIGN MISSIONS IN SAIGON TO BE HEADED BY A CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, WITH AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED BUT RESIDENT IN HANOI; BUT SUCH REPORTS TO DATE PROVIDE INADEQUATE BASIS FOR CONCLUDING THAT A POLICY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED
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IN THIS REGARD. THE PRG IS MOVING QUITE CAUTIOUSLY TOWARD

ALLOWING FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN SAIGON; SUCH CAUTION PROBABLY REFLECTS A COMBINATION OF PRG CONCERN OVER SECURITY SITUATION IN SAIGON, ISSUES IN THE BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES CONCERNED, BASIC QUESTIONS OF DRV/PRG FOREIGN POLICY, AND QUESTIONS INVOLVING MODALITIES OF REUNIFICATION OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIET-NAM.

2. IF, AS INDICATED REF B, THE LAO DONG PARTY (VWP) CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS MET RECENTLY, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT DECISIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN THAT WILL BRING PROGRESS IN ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN SAIGON. RECENT SEPARATE DRV AND PRG APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO UN MAY REFLECT BREAKTHROUGH ON SUCH POLICY DECISIONS, ALTHOUGH SEPARATE UN

APPLICATIONS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY PRECLUDE HIGHER LEVEL DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN HANOI THAN IN SAIGON. KISSINGER

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